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Not only is this the first time Colbert has topped Fallon for a full season, but it marks the first time "The Late Show" has topped late-night since the 1994-1995 season under Letterman. However, all three shows saw double digit drops in their demo ratings compared to last season.

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Colbert also won out in total viewers for the third season in a row. "The Late Show" averaged 3.82 million viewers this season, compared to 2.44 million for "The Tonight Show" and 2.04 million for "Jimmy Kimmel Live."

In the 12:35 a.m. slot, NBC's "Late Night With Seth Meyers" remained on top with a 0.3 rating and 1.45 million viewers. CBS' "The Late Late Show with James Corden" averaged a 0.23 rating and 1.35 million viewers.

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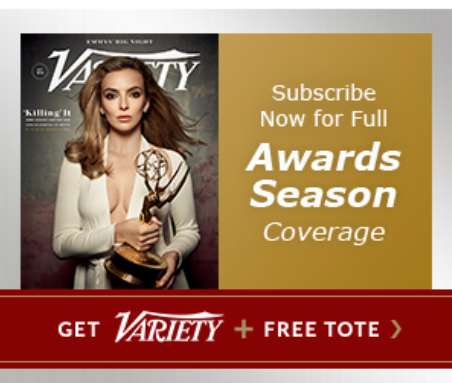
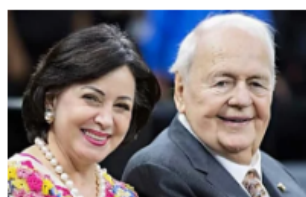
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